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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH:

Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT:

Monthly Report -- Seoul Bureau -- July 1987

I. GENERAL

- 1. On 11 July, the Bureau had its biggest function since last June's loth anniversary picnic. The occasion was a "hail and farewell picnic" in honor of departing chief and arriving chief More STAT than two-thirds of the Bureau local staff and their families attended, along with invited guests. Ambassador and Mrs. Lilley attended, as did new DCM Stan Brooks and Mrs. Brooks. Speech-making was kept to a minimum, and everyone enjoyed the barbecue and picnic fare. Ambassador Lilley and DCM Brooks enjoyed meeting the FBIS family, and particularly enjoyed chatting with our Chinese monitors.
- 2. On the 10th, new DCM Stan Brooks was given a Bureau orientation and briefing by outgoing chief and Deputy Chief STATT The DCM, who came directly from the Shanghai Consulate-General to Seoul, is an old "China hand" and has spent 12 years of his career in the PRC or Hong Kong. He knows FBIS quite well and enjoyed his briefing and tour of the Bureau.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

- 1. Events in South Korea were dominated by Acting President of the Democratic Justice Party No Tae-u's progress in reshaping this ruling party as he proceeds toward officially becoming DJP president. Much material was also filed on the plans of the ruling and opposition parties for constitutional revisions.
- 2. Pyongyang media took some weeks to react to the startling changes that took place in the South during June. The clandestine radio "Voice of National Salvation," which usually reacts quickly to various events in the South, took more than 2 weeks to comment on ROK democratization steps. Pyongyang Radio took even longer before commenting.

In the interim the Bureau had to resort to processing VNS news items on the subject. The main theme of VNS and Pyongyang commentaries since then is that "democratization" is a "U.S.-puppet" trick designed to keep the military clique in power, and that no dictatorship ever willingly consented to democratization.

3. Other major developments in the North that have generated copy during the month were the 23 July DPRK Government proposal for North-South troop reductions with an eventual pullout of U.S. troops, and the 30 July KPA Supreme Command communique announcing a unilateral troop reduction of 100,000 men.

B. Technical

Five of Hong Kong Bureau's excess Forum 88 computers, S/N 286, 386, 486, 586, and 686, were received and put into operation.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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	_ 3. The Bureau's new contract associate editor.	STAT STAT STAT
Bureau, departe	d Seoul for Okinawa on 6 and 27 July respectively.	
Α.	New DCM Stan Brooks visited the Bureau on 10 July for a briefing.	
	On the 10th. newly arrived bureau chief were briefed by Jimmy Lee at the UN Command or Ctions and role of the UN Military Armistice Commission.	STAT TAT
c.	Maj David Carlson, Capt Jay Parker, and Capt Eric Crabtree of the	2

were given a Bureau briefing and tour on the 24th.

Army's Foreign Area Officer program, and who are assigned at the Embassy,

with	visited the remote	Pyongtaek on	Chief , and Chief Technician ST the 29th to familiarize the new bureau chief field and associated equipment.	ΓΔ [.]

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